

**FALL ASSEMBLY ATTRACTS YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS;
MISSION STRATEGY PAPERS REFERRED TO CHURCHES**

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Significantly larger numbers of youth and young adults were among the delegates and visitors at the Fall Assembly convened in Forest Grove on October 18-20. Over 50 high school youth and 25 young adults were counted among the participants who heard The Reverend William Myers exhort upon the churches to re-focus their efforts toward developing ministry with rather than without youth, recruit significant adults to relate to youth ("Not all youth ministers need to be able to sing and know how to play a guitar.") and identify a narrower scope of activities that will allow for significant ministry rather than offering so many activities that there is no time for significant ministry. Video tapes of Myers' keynote presentations are available for borrowing through the Conference office.

Delegates and visitors spoke highly of the 17 workshops which were also a part of the Assembly. Youth and young adults served as convenors of many and leaders of several of the workshops. Pacific University provided overnight housing for the youth and hosted them at a day night gathering.

At the Saturday afternoon plenary business session Moderator Karl Vercouteren and Moderator-at-Large David Avison presented Mission Strategy Development Papers proposed by the Board of Directors and Committees of the Conference. A process for review of the papers by local churches and clusters of churches was announced. That process includes a mailing of the papers to local churches in December, cluster gatherings during January and February, further consideration in March, finalized proposals to the churches in preparation for action at the Annual Assembly in May and further action at the 1986 Fall Assembly if necessary.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, HOOD RIVER

TO HOST 1986 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Program and Arrangements Committee has received an invitation from Riverside Community Church, Hood River, to hold the 1986 Annual Assembly there on the dates previously announced, May 16-18. The P & A Committee is currently seeking a national speaker to address the Assembly on the theme tentatively proposed, "Renewal of the Church".

P & A Committee is seeking invitations for hosting the 1986 Fall Assembly and 1987 Annual Assembly. Invitations should be sent to the Board of Directors.

**1986 LEADERS EVENTS SLATED;
SHEARES, IHA TO KEYNOTE**

Responding to the very positive ratings for last year's Leaders Event, the Nominations and Leadership Committee has slated two events for 1986 - both to take place on Saturday, April 5. One of the Events will be offered to the Idaho churches at First Congregational Church, Mtn. Home, and will feature Ken Iha, Associate for the Western Region for the Office for Church Life and Leadership (OCLL). Reuben Sheares, Executive Director of OCLL, will keynote the Oregon Event to be held at First Congregational Church, Corvallis.

In addition to the keynote addresses each of the Events will offer a series of workshops designed to enhance church leaders' skills.

WOMEN'S RETREATS WELL RECEIVED

Women's Retreats were held in the Central Pacific Conference this Summer at Pilgrim Cove, Idaho and Camp Adams, Oregon. Both inspirational experiences gave the opportunity to study Patterns in Our Lives, and to continue exploring on our return home. Those attending intensified our faith in Spiritual Renewal, investigated Transitions in our lives, and discovered ways of Caring and Sharing with others. Even more important were the experiences of worship, of learning, of laughter, of deepening friendships.

Benedictine Sister Margie of Holy Family Parish in Payette, Idaho was resource person at Pilgrim Cove, with women of St. John's UCC in Payette serving as planning committee. Resource persons at Camp Adams included Rev. Cindy Lindner, Corvallis; Rev. Adena Wherry and Delta Distad of Lincoln City, Oregon, and Anna Morford, Missionary from Ione, Oregon, all of whom are UCC members. Planning of Women's Camp Adams was done by members of the UCC Women's Board. A total of seventy women attended the two retreats.

The Christmas Fund

For the VETERANS OF THE CROSS and the EMERGENCY FUND

*The World is
Bright with
the Joyous
Saints!*

The Reverend Arthur W. Taylor, son of the parsonage, served churches in Kansas, Illinois and Nebraska. He was Nebraska Conference Minister 1945-1958. He retired in 1964.

The Christmas Fund receives the gifts of thousands of donors, and provides practical help to retired ministers in need, an emergency reserve for all ministers, and aids qualified retirees with health insurance costs.



THE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Pension Boards, United Church of Christ

The Christmas Fund, administered by the Pension Boards, receives gifts that honor the Senior Servants of the Church and provide Emergency Fund help for all our ministers and their families with special needs. (Poster subjects are not recipients of the Christmas Fund.)

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR POSITIONS

At each Annual Assembly the Nominations and Leadership Committee presents a slate of officers, Board of Directors members and Nominations and Leadership Committee members. In the Fall of each year they present to the Board a slate of nominees for each of the other Conference Committees. That means the Committee must come up with approximately 40 nominees. In an effort to renew the leadership pool the N & L Committee is calling upon all Conference members to consider serving in a Conference position. Each church should have a Directory of Conference Volunteer Positions detailing the job description for every Conference position and a number of volunteer forms. Persons interested in exploring this possibility but unable to find the Directory may request one by writing the Conference office.

SUMMER CAMPING 1986

CAMP ADAMS

3rd GRADE MINI	June 29-July 1
YOUNG ADULT (18-30)	July 3-6
4th-5th GRADE	July 6-12
5th-6th GRADE	July 13-19
JR. HIGH (7th-8th)	July 27-Aug. 2
MID HIGH (9th-10th)	August 3-9
SR. HIGH (11th-12th)	August 10-16
FAMILY CAMP	July 20-25

PILGRIM COVE

5th-6th GRADE	July 6-12
PRIMARY MINI (3rd-4th)	July 13-16
JR. HIGH (7th-9th)	July 20-26
SR. HIGH (9th-12th)	July 27-Aug. 2
FAMILY CAMP	July 4-6

SPECIALIZED

MUSIC/ART/DRAMA	Camp Adams	June 22-28
BIKE CAMP (7th-Adult)	Vancouver Island	June 29-July 6
ELDERHOSTEL	Camp Adams	To Be Announced
(In cooperation with Pacific University)		
SHAKESPEARE	Ashland	To Be Announced
WATERSPORTS	Pilgrim Cove	June 28-July 3
MOUNT HOOD TRAIL		To Be Announced

The Local Scene

New arrivals in CPC clergy families since the last NEWS publication include: Emma Mines Elliott, born to The Reverend Linda Mines and Bill Elliott, Wilsonville, on August 15. Emma has already been to New York and back having attended the UCC Executive Council with her mom. Katherine Elizabeth Barton, born to The Reverend Jeff and Susan Barton, Idaho Falls, on September 11. The last word received from Idaho Falls was that Katie is now at home with mom and dad and brother Jed and is weighing in at almost 6 pounds.

The Congregational Church of Medford is pleased to announce that they have called The Reverend Michael Jackson as their minister. Michael will arrive in Medford at the beginning of December from San Jose.

The men of Bethel Congregational Church, White Salmon, went right to work on the special Conference offering in September. They donned their aprons and baked up seven cakes which were sold at their Harvest Festival. Actually the women also got in on the act and helped to raise \$133 which was contributed.

The Reverend Cathy Barker, Ione, was one of 24 persons to participate in a Study-Dialogue Tour to East Germany, Czechoslovakia and the U.S.S.R. this past Summer. Within the limits of her other responsibilities Cathy is willing to share her experience beyond her local congregation. Interested persons can write Cathy at P.O. Box 346, Ione, OR 97843.

Congratulations to The Reverend Jim and Carol Reid who were married on September 21, in San Lorenzo. Jim is minister at Waverly Heights Congregational Church.

Members and friends of First Congregational Church, Gaston, and of The Reverend Vince Stageberg gathered at the church on Sunday, October 27, to honor Vince and Edna as they concluded their six years of service there and their many years of service to the Conference. Vince had previously served the Lake Oswego and Trinity congregations. The Stagebergs will continue to live in Portland.

Parkrose Community Church, Portland has a Gestetner mimeo and an Elliott hand-cranked addressograph which they would like to make available to another church or non-profit group. Interested persons should contact The Reverend Charles Ross.

Excitement is growing among the members of Meridian UCC, Wilsonville, as they watch the addition to their building take shape. It is hoped that they will be in the building by Christmas and enjoying the new office, fellowship and classroom space which it will provide.

Restoration work and plans for the re-building of the Chapel are proceeding at First Congregational Church, Eugene, in the wake of an arson-caused fire in September.

The minister's study at The Congregational Church of Lincoln City was damaged by fire in October. According to The Reverend Jim Jones the source of the fire was an electrical plug.

CHURCH EDUCATOR RUBY PEREGRINE DIES

Family and friends of Ruby Peregrine gathered at the United Church of Christ in Forest Grove on September 13 to celebrate Ruby's life. Ruby will be remembered by many Oregon church educators for her year's of involvement in teacher enrichment events sponsored both denominationally and ecumenically. Ruby was appointed an Associate Professor at Pacific University in 1949, becoming Professor of Religious Education in 1953 and Professor Emeritus in 1963 after which she continued to teach full-time for six more years. Always an innovator, Ruby packed boundless energy into all of her teaching both on and off campus. Many folks will remember the Bible Hootenanny which she developed to help the scriptures come alive for children and youth. She will be remembered in Washington County for her innovative work with migrant laborers.

Ruby is survived by her sister Ruth Eileen Howard, several nieces and nephews and a vast host of students - young and old - who Ruby considered a part of her family.

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Season's Greetings

"The Scriptures are perfectly clear. The fact is that Christ was born as a poor little child, like the humblest person. The Scriptures keep telling us this, and I don't understand why we don't see it."

Felix

The Gospel in Solentiname

IN THIS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR MAY GOD GIVE US EYES FOR BETTER SEEING THE WORD MADE FLESH AND IN A MANGER LAID THAT WE MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF GOD'S REALM IN THE SERVICE OF EARTH'S HUMBLEST PERSONS.

Debbie France
Donald Skelton
Harold A. Abbott
Susan McGroddin
Vern Rose

DATES TO REMEMBER



January	10-11	Church and Ministry
	18	Leadership and Nominations
	25	Program Cabinet
	31-1	Financial Management
February	7-8	Board of Directors
	14-17	MIDWINTER
	21-22	Mission and Outreach
March	1	Christian Nurture
April	7-9	POST EASTER RETREAT
May	16-18	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Hood River



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